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In re application of: J. Nousiainen

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Group No.: 2875

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Examiner: Bao Q. Truong

For: **ILLUMINATION SYSTEM FOR AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE**

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is

- ☐ a small entity. A statement:
- ☐ is attached.
 - ☐ was already filed.
 - ☒ other than a small entity.

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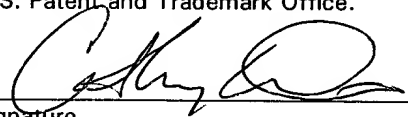
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NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. §1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. §1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Extension (months)</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>	<u>Fee for small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 400.00	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY			OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDIT. RATE	FEE	OR	ADDIT. RATE	FEE
TOTAL: 17	MINUS 38	= 0	x \$9 =	\$		x \$18 =	\$0
INDEP: 3	MINUS 3	= 0	x \$42 =	\$		x \$84 =	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$140 = \$		+ \$280 = \$	
				TOTAL ADDL. FEE	\$	TOTAL ADDL. FEE	\$ 0.00

WARNING: "After final rejection or action (§1.113) amendments may be made cancelling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 C.F.R. §1.116(a) (emphasis added).

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) ☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required is \$_____.

FEE PAYMENT

5. ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____.

☐ Charge Account No. _____ the sum of \$_____. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

FEE DEFICIENCY

NOTE: If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986 (1065 O.G. 31-33).

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 23-0442

AND/OR

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 23-0442 .



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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This responses to the Non-Final Office Action, mailed March 24, 2003.

In the patent application, claims 1-38 are pending. In the Office Action, the Examiner requires that only claims pertaining to one of the species are elected for examination.

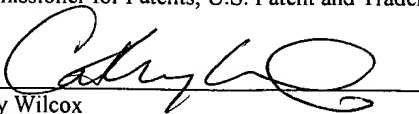
The Examiner states that the application contains claims directed to a number of patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species I: Figures 2-6;
Species II: Figures 7A,B-10;
Species III: Figures 11A,B - 12; and
Species IV: Figure 14.

The Examiner also states that currently no claim is generic to all the species.

Although applicant disagrees with the Examiner in the classification of the claimed invention into four different species, application provisionally elects claims readable on **Species I** for examination purposes. Applicant believes that claims 1, 5-12, 14, 19-21, 30, 34-36 are readable on Species I.

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It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 14 and 30 are independent claims readable on Species I in that:

claim 1 claims an illumination system for use in a device, comprising a light source and a light conduit, as shown in Figure 3;

claim 14 claims a light conduit for use in a device having a display and a light source, as shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3; and

claim 30 claims a portable device comprising a display, a light source and a light conduit, as shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3.

As for the dependent claims:

claims 5-9 are dependent from claim 1 and recite the features regarding the light source as shown in Figures 3 and 4;

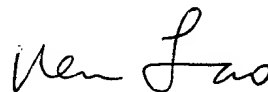
claims 19-21 are dependent from claim 14 and recite the features of the two boundaries (62,64), as shown in Figure 4; and

claims 34-36 are dependent from claim 30 and specify what the portable device is.

It is respectfully submitted that the drawings for species III illustrate an alternative embodiment of the invention as illustrated in species I in that the light source is located at a different end of the light conduit. Furthermore, Figure 14 (Species IV) uses the same conduit to transmit data streams. Therefore, claims 37 and 38 technically should be readable on Species I.

Nevertheless, applicant provisionally withdraws claims 2-4, 13, 15-18, 22-29, 31-33, 37 and 38 from consideration. Should claims 1, 14 and 30 be allowable, applicant is entitled to resubmit the withdrawn claims in dependent form for further examination.

Respectfully submitted,



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